Lobipluvia malabarica. (Boddaert). The Yellow-wattled Lapuring. Capt. G. Gowland saw it near Vizagapatam.

Himantopus himantopus (Linnaeus). The Blackwinged Stilt. 'Single bird near Tuni in October 1948'.

## Scolopax rusticola (Linnaeus). The Woodcock.

In the *Journal* (Vol. 23, p. 777) appears a note recording a woodcock at Salabam 4,000' in the Eastern Ghats 18°10'N./82°45'E. on 26th February. I have already referred to the Gazetteer records from Padera, west of Sankrametta. Does the paucity of data regarding the movements of the woodcock from the ornithologically better investigated Deccan and Western Ghats indicate that the birds may perhaps reach the Nilgiris by way of the Eastern Ghats?

**Capella gallinago** (Linnaeus). The Common Snipe. 'Shot. Plentiful near Koraput'.

Pseudibis papillosa (Temm. and Laug.). The Black Ibis. 'Single bird in September 1948 at Chittivalasa near Bimlipatam,

15 miles south of Vizianagaram'.

**Dissoura episcopus episcopus** (Boddaert). The Whitenecked Stork. 'Plentiful in Koraput/Jeypore area'.

**Bubulcus ibis coromandus** (Boddaert). Cattle Egret. 'Common'.

A 'List of Duck Shot in Waltair District in 1899' J.B.N.H.S., Vol. 12, p. 575 includes Common and Garganey teal and Comb Duck. Netta rufina, the Redcrested pochard (223) tied with gadwall (260) as the commonest duck.

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## 24. DOMESTIC POULTRY DISEASES NOW ENDEMIC IN JUNGLE

It is evident that the domestic poultry diseases known as 'Ranikhet Disease' and 'Chicken Cholera' are now endemic in the Reserve Forests of the Kollegal and North Coimbatore Divisions (Madras State), and also in parts of the Mysore District. I have frequently, in the last few years, come across remains of junglefowl, partridge, quail, and occasionally of peafowl. It was obvious that they had not been killed and devoured by predatory animals. As the areas were all not far from cultivation and villages I made enquiries from the local jungle tribe (Sholagas) and my suspicions that game birds were falling victim to domestic poultry diseases were confirmed. Junglefowl can often be